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1. Construction of an additional leather factory at Craiova, with a planned production of 8,000 pairs of shoes per day, has been postponed indefinitely because of the drastic cut in the investment plan which was announced in December 1951.
2. The projected addition to the Janos Herbag factory in Cluj to make asbestos soles from a preparation of de-chromed upper-leather scrap, textile scrap, and asbestos has been dropped for lack of funds and failure to obtain the important chemical formula for producing the binding chemical. This chemical had formerly been imported [] but a new Government policy prohibits erection of new factories unless necessary raw materials are available locally, from the satellites, or from the USSR. Although Hungary makes this chemical by its own formula, it refused to divulge the formula to Rumania. Laboratories and research institutes, both under the Ministry of Light Industry and under the Ministry of Metallurgy and Chemical Industries, were given the task of developing a formula for the chemical. It is not known if their efforts have met with success.
3. The drastic cut in the investment plan, which was based on production figures of the five-year (1950-54) plan, was followed by an immediate raise in daily norms for workers to reach the prescribed production aims. The investment cut was announced in December 1951, and the raise in work norms was announced in January 1952.

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